IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Carlson Serial No: 10/718,094

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT TO A NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Box Non-Fee Amendment (Pats) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action having a mailing date of November 14, 2006, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 14, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.